

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : BLUM et al.  
Serial No. : 10/506,416  
Confirm. No. : 8449  
Filed : May 13, 2004  
For : METHOD OF PRODUCING...  
Art Unit : 1793  
Examiner : Mark L. Shevin  
Dated : August 5, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

The Office Action dated April 10, 2008 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired July 10, 2008.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$120.00 (fee code 1251).

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),



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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO  
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.